

MINUTES
OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING
JULY 10, 2008

**IDNR - Prairie Resource Center
Brushy Creek State Recreation Area
2820 Brushy Creek Rd.
Lehigh, IA 50557**

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Call to Order

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission was called to order by the Chair, Bill Bird, at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2008.

Commissioner Bird welcomed the public to the meeting and expressed appreciation of staff and the local support groups and partners for the presentations and tour to the Prairie Resource Center, Rockwell Prison to observe prairie seed harvest work being done there, and the experience at the Fort Dodge ATV park.

Members Present

William Bird
Gregory Drees
Richard (Kim) Francisco
Elizabeth Garst
Tammi Kircher
Carol Kramer
Janelle Rettig

Members Absent

None

Approve Agenda

Moved. Seconded. Agenda items 7 and 4.1.6 were moved to be presented after item 3. Agenda item 4.1.8, Storm Lake, was added after 4.1.7. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes

Moved to approve 06/12/08 NRC minutes. Seconded. Commission requested the text of the Rules be inserted into the minutes and include aspects of discussions. Motion failed - 06/12/08 NRC minutes were not approved as submitted.

Director's Remarks

- Don Bonneau Fisheries Bureau, is being given a National Award for this work
- Climate Change Position - interviews are occurring
- Flood Damage - public lands have been impacted greatly as well as staff time involved
- State Lands for Grazing - coordination is occurring with the Governor's office and IDALS
- Next week the Director's Regional Discussions will be occurring across the state

4. Construction Projects. Decision. (Hanson)

Bids were opened June 19, 2008, for the following projects:

4.1 Glass WRP, Sac County – Wetland Restoration

This project consists of de-leveling, dike construction, subsurface drain relocation, tile location and disabling, intake installation, and incidental work as required by the Plans and DNR Construction Inspector. The purpose of this project is to convert cropland back to its natural wetland state.

Wetlands help reduce storm water runoff from entering bodies of water, control erosion, recharge aquifers, and create animal habitat. Project is budgeted \$155,000 from WRP Reimbursable Funds (Capital Link #59). Project was designed by Ken Jackson and will be inspected by Don Labate. 16 sets of plans were issued. 4 bids were received.

Richards Construction Co. Inc.	Sac City, IA	\$125,188.60
Spring Lake Construction	Polk City, IA	\$125,556.75
Carnarvon Sand & Gravel	Wall Lake, IA	\$178,665.11
Joy Dirt Construction	Cushing, IA	\$231,869.04

Staff recommends award of contract to Richards Construction Co. Inc., low bidder.

Commissioner Rettig moved the item. Commissioner Drees seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Otter Creek Marsh, Tama County – Dike #1 Repairs

This project consists of raising the elevation of Dike #1 by approximately two feet, as well as the replacing of the current water control structure. Raising Dike #1 will allow for more acres to be flooded. Raising the dike will allow the water level to flood the same amount of acres as when the marsh was built in 1965. The number of acres flooded has decreased over the past 40 years due to siltation in the segment and settling of the dike. Raising the dike will also allow for greater freeboard above the water line which will reduce erosion on the dike top, which is occurring at current elevation. A new water control structure is also being built to accommodate the increased water level. Project budgeted \$75,000, 100% from REAP Land Management. (Capital Link #155). Project was designed by Ken Jackson and will be inspected by Jason Kruse. 16 sets of plans were issued. 3 bids were received. 1 late bid was returned unopened.

Michaels Construction Co. Inc.	Adel, IA	\$59,914.00
Con-Struct Inc.	Marshalltown, IA	\$87,809.31
Peterson Contractors Inc.	Reinbeck, IA	\$139,140.00

Staff recommends award of contract to Michaels Construction Co. Inc., low bidder.

Commissioner Francisco moved the item. Commissioner Garst seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.3 Lake Keomah State Park, Mahaska County – Office and Service Building

This project consists of the construction of an approximately 40 foot by 80 foot one-story, conventional wood-framed building with metal roofing/siding, that includes one unheated un-insulated storage bay, two heated bays, one office, a meeting/project room, a hallway, mechanical/electrical room and a restroom. The building also includes an approximately 8 foot by 16 foot additional lobby of conventional construction with metal roofing/siding and simulated stone accents. The work also includes some concrete and class “A” crushed stone paving, concrete paving, sewer, water, electrical services, chain-link fencing and gate. During the design of this project we paid particular attention to sustainability, handicapped accessibility and vandal resistance. Every effort has been made to design with sustainable materials and equipment. It is intended that the waste construction materials be recycled. The water heater will be on demand-type (these do not heat water in a storage tank, but only heat what is needed), to save on energy. The roof and wall system is low maintenance metal. The windows will be at a minimum double-glazed with low energy glass. The building electric fixtures and bulbs are designed to be fluorescent with maximum energy efficiency. The building will be heated by an energy-efficient under-floor radiant heat system, piped into the concrete slabs throughout all heated spaces. This will come from a heat pump system energized by a geothermal heat source. The office and meeting rooms will be air conditioned separately from the rest of the building, which will not be. A ductless system involving two (one per room) inside air conditioning units and one outside

compressor unit are expected to reduce construction and maintenance costs by omitting the need for installation of ductwork and registers. The facility is designed to be handicapped accessible in accordance with requirements of the state building code and the American Disability Act. Project is estimated at \$340,000, with \$275,000 from Health and Safety Account (Capital Link #180). Project was designed by Thierry. Amice and will be inspected by Jason Kruse. 30 sets of plans were issued. 2 bids were received.

Greiner Buildings	Washington, IA	\$421,132.66
United Contractors Inc.	Johnston, IA	\$796,356.72

Staff recommends rejection of all bids.

Commissioner Francisco moved the item. Commissioner Rettig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.4 Thompson WRP, Fremont County – Wetland Restoration (Information)

This project consists of the restoration of wetlands including constructing a shallow water excavation, seeding and other related work as required by the Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector. The purpose of this project is to convert cropland back to its natural wetland state. Wetlands help to reduce turbulence from storm water runoff into bodies of water, control erosion, recharge aquifers, and create animal habitat. Project is estimated at \$30,000 from WRP Reimbursable Funds (Capital Link #59). Project was designed by Heath Delzell and will be inspected by Mark Johnson. 6 sets of plans were issued. 0 bids were received. Staff hopes to bring a negotiated contract to the Commission for approval assuming a reasonable project cost can be negotiated.

Information item. No action required.

4.5 Honey Creek Resort, Appanoose County – 28 Cabins, Driveways and Parking Pads

Bids will be opened July 8, 2008 for the following projects

The phase of the project consists of the construction of 28 cabins with associated grading, driveways and parking pads for the project. Also included are pads for picnic tables, hardscape and seeding on the disturbed areas. The cabin breakdown is as follows: 4-One Bedroom units, 12-Two Bedroom units, 10-Four bedroom units and 2-Four Bedroom retreats. One two bedroom unit and one four bedroom unit will be handicapped accessible. The work of this phase shall be substantially complete by April 1, 2009 and final completion of the work shall be by May 1, 2009. The overall project itself consists of the construction of a resort which includes a golf course, beach and boat area together with a one-hundred five (105) unit hotel with great room, aquatic center, restaurant/bar and conference center with total square footage of approximately 108,000 square feet, and incidental work as required by the Plans, the Construction Manager and DNR Construction Inspector. Project was designed by TSP Architects and will be inspected by Mike Broderick. Staff will make recommendation at the NRC meeting.

Commissioner Francisco moved the item. Commissioner Rettig Seconded. Discussion held: Budget items of the beach and the golf cart storage building are not legally binding but the cabins are. The beach and storage building will be completed and it is also a priority to get the picnic shelter and activities building built. Change orders were discussed relating to insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids will be opened July 8, 2008 for the following project

4.6 Ferley WRP, Worth County – Wetland Restoration

This project consists of the restoration of wetlands including constructing dikes, located and disabling subsurface drainage, and incidental work as required by the Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector. The purpose of this project is to convert cropland back to its natural wetland state. Wetlands help to reduce storm water runoff from entering bodies of water, control erosion, recharge aquifers, and create animal habitat. This project includes three habitat structures as alternate bids, and is designed to attract specific reptile species that are known to be in the area. These species include Blanding's Turtles, Smooth Green Snakes, Five Lined Skinks, Northern Prairie Skinks and Garter Snakes. Project is budgeted in from WRP Reimbursable Funds (Capital Link #59). Project was designed by Heath Delzell and will be inspected by Mel Pacovsky.

Staff will make recommendation at the NRC Meeting

Commissioner Francisco moved the item. Commissioner Rettig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
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Bid was opened May 22, 2008, for the following project:

4.7 Waubonsie State Park, Fremont County – WaShawtee Cabins Renovations

This project consists of the renovation of several WaShawtee buildings, including the maintenance building and the 3 cabins on Hill #1 (Shagbark, Kahiga and Mischanaka). This includes the addition of septic systems, water and electrical upgrades, replacement of windows, HVAC, framing, gypsum board work, and the finishing or refinishing of surfaces, the extent of which is shown on the drawings. These are family cabins and each requires extensive remodeling to bring them up to code and a usable condition. The project also includes metal roofing work on three other cabins (Admin, Cook's and Hideaway). The maintenance building has a floor area of 1,440 square feet. The cabins are as follows: Shagbark - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, full kitchen, living and dining rooms, exterior deck - 1,584 square feet; Kahiga - sleeping/living area and full kitchen and bath, exterior deck - 576 square feet; Mischanaka - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, full kitchen, living and dining rooms, exterior deck and ramp - 1,232 square feet. Alternate 1 provides for additional extensive work, similar to the three cabins above, for the Lane Lodge building. Lane Lodge is a large family cabin with 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, full kitchen, a very large family/living area, exterior deck and ramp - 2,016 square feet. Alternate 2 provides for additional extensive work, similar to the three cabins above, for the former Infirmary Building. The Infirmary Building cabin is a family cabin with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, full kitchen, a large family/living area, exterior deck - 784 square feet. Alternate 3 provides for similar work to be done to the old Administrative Building (cabin), the Cook's cabin and the Hideaway Cabin. The Administration Building cabin is a 2 bedroom with kitchen and living room - 480 square feet with 2 porches/decks - 480 square feet. Cook's Cabin is a 364 square foot camping cabin and Hideaway Cabin is a 480 square foot camping cabin. During the design of this project we paid particular attention to sustainability, handicapped accessibility and vandal resistance. Every effort has been made to design with sustainable materials and equipment. It is intended that the waste construction materials, as well as the products of partial demolition, be recycled. The water heaters will be on-demand type (these do not heat water in a storage tank but only heat what is needed) to save on energy use. The roof systems are low-maintenance metal. The windows will be, at a minimum, double-glazed with low-energy glass. The structures will have lighting and power, and the fixtures and bulbs are designed to be fluorescent with maximum energy efficiency. The facility is designed to be handicapped accessible in accordance with requirements of the state building code and the American Disability Act. The project is budgeted \$270,000 from the Waubonsie/WaShawtee Special Appropriations (Capital Link #90),

\$90,000 from the Health and Safety Account (carry over), and \$20,000 from a Native Scenic Byways grant (through Golden Hills RC&D). The project was designed by Thierry Amice and will be inspected by Mark Johnson. 17 sets of Plans were issued. 2 bids were received. A revised engineering estimate is \$360,000 for the base bid only. The estimate listed previously was actually only a funding source and not an estimate. That number was \$270,000 and represents the remaining funds available from the Special Appropriation. There was no engineering estimate for the alternates. It is the intention of the DNR to value engineer the handrails for the base bid cabins to bring the contract closer to the engineering estimate.

Mallard LTD Construction	Council Bluffs, IA	\$380,000.00
Alternate #1		\$120,000.00
Alternate #2		\$ 75,000.00
Alternate #3		\$129,000.00
Mark Hughes Construction	Glenwood, IA	\$547,000.00
Alternate #1		\$157,000.00
Alternate #2		\$ 95,000.00
Alternate #3		\$181,500.00

The Bid Tab is attached for further bid breakdown by building. The per square foot unit pricing breaks down as follows based on the low base bid: Maintenance Building - \$54.17/sf; Shagbark Cabin - \$72.60/sf; Kahiga Cabin - \$135.42/sf; Mischanaka Cabin - \$79.55/sf. Staff recommends award of contract to Mallard LTD Construction without alternates.

Commissioner Francisco moved the item. Commissioner Garst seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.8 Storm Lake Marina, Buena Vista Co. – Concession Building – Change Order for Gas Service System

This change order is for the addition of a complete gas/fuel servicing system for marine craft at the newly constructed marina facilities as a part of the concession building construction currently under contract. The residents and users of the lake and marina have requested and desire the presence of fuel on the lake. No other regular fuel service is available. The system will include a 2,000 gallon Fireguard above ground fuel tank, related gauges, pumps, vents and fuel leak detection systems, a credit card operated point of sale single hose dispenser with related sumps and switches, a fuel shut off system, and other related equipment, including installation and training. The system would be provided by the contractor on site and his fuel consultants and subcontractors. We are asking for this service as a change order to expedite the order and installation of equipment and to utilize the contractor and subcontractors on site to minimize the expense of mobilization and ease the coordination with other contractors working at the same site. The contractor has requested bids from multiple subcontractors. The base contract amount for the concession building approved by the NRC on December 13, 2007, was for \$559,939.98. The contractor is Jensen Builders LTD of Fort Dodge, IA. The change order amount is \$86,200.00. Funding is from Marine Fuel Tax and Federal Coast Guard funds budgeted for this project under Capital Link #61. Staff requests approval of this change order by the NRC.

Commissioner Drees moved the item. Commissioner Francisco seconded. Commission requested that multiple phase projects be identified and that information be presented referencing prior, planned, and future phases. This will show the project as a whole. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Land Acquisitions. Decision. Hanson

5.1 Little Sioux WMA, Clay County --The Nature Conservancy (Burkhart Tract)

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the purchase of a parcel of land located in Clay County. This 160-acre tract is offered by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for the bargain sale price of \$213,519. The Nature Conservancy purchased the parcel in October 2006 for \$325,000. The parcel was appraised for \$380,000 in August 2007. Kally Mouw and Rich Vander Werff, Licensed Appraisers of Vander Werff & Associates, Inc., Sanborn, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement. The parcel is located approximately 5.5 miles east and 5.5 miles south of Spencer, and 2.5 miles northeast of Gillett Grove. The tract is accessible from 420th Street on the south, and 290th Avenue on the west. The parcel consists of 77.3 acres of cropland in five irregular fields; 78.3 acres of non-crop acres that are primarily pasture; and the remaining acres are road right-of-way. The property is reported to have remnant prairie on 50%, and the remaining 50% to be reconstructed prairie. The average Corn Suitability Rating is 63. The Nature Conservancy has reserved agricultural rights through December 30, 2011. The bargain sale more than offsets the 3-year reservation. Acquisition funding will be 100% from REAP-Public/Private Grant (Capital Link #152). The property will remain on the property tax roll. Incidental closing costs are the responsibility of the Department.

Commissioner Kramer moved the item. Commissioner Rettig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5.2 Eagle Lake WMA, Hancock County -- Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (Rasmuson Tract)

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a parcel of land located 6 miles northwest of Garner, Iowa. The 128.7-acre tract is offered for the appraised price of \$135,000. The Natural Resource Conservation Service is acquiring a Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) easement from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for \$263,230. The sellers acquired the parcel in February 2008 for \$389,000. Fred Greder, Licensed Appraiser of Benchmark Agribusiness, Mason City, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement. The 128.7-acre tract of land has 113.08 acres that will be encumbered by the WRP easement; 11.6 acres of wood lot; and 4.02 acres of road right-of-way and waste. After restoration, the parcel will contain approximately 5 acres of cropland; 59 acres of restored wetlands; 45 acres of woodland (that were part of the WRP); and 15.7 acres of grassland. There are no building improvements. The parcel will provide excellent habitat for nesting waterfowl and upland wildlife. The average Corn Suitability Rating is not applicable since the majority of the tract is enrolled in the WRP. Acquisition funding will be provided by Prairie Lakes II - NAWCA (Capital Link #10). Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Commissioner Rettig moved the item. Commissioner Garst seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5.3 Lake Edwards/8-Mile Pits Wetlands Complex, Hancock County—Willard Peck

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a parcel of land located 13 miles northwest of Garner, or 2 miles Northeast of Crystal Lake. The 174.07-acre tract is offered by Willard Peck for the appraised price of \$322,000. Fred Greder, Licensed Appraiser of Benchmark Agribusiness, Mason City, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement. The parcel has 76.4 acres of cropland; 95.3 acres of permanent pasture (includes 27.43 acres of woodland in the NE corner); and 2.37 acres of road right-of-way and waste. After development, the tract will contain approximately 9 acres of cropland; 35 acres of restored wetlands;

27.43 acres of woodland; 2 acres of open water; and 98.27 acres of grassland. Building improvements are dilapidated and will be removed. The tract will provide excellent habitat for nesting waterfowl and grassland birds. There are 25 acres of unplowed pasture that has the potential for rare plants, and a large peat bed in the southwest quadrant. Some of the sod along the southwest boundary may be virgin prairie sod. The average Corn Suitability Rating of 59.4 was figured on tillable ground only. Seller is reserving cropping rights (majority use is pasturing) through the 2010 crop year. Acquisition funding will be provided by Southern Tallgrass Prairie--NAWCA (\$222,000) and Lake Restoration (\$100,000 for mitigating a WMA used as a spoil site at Crystal Lake) (Capital Link #17 and #90). Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Commissioner Kramer moved the item. Commissioner Francisco seconded. Appraised price correction made in first paragraph: \$332,000 to \$322,000. Motion carried unanimously.

5.4 Big Marsh Wildlife Management Area, Butler County -- Larry Asche and Betty McCandless

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a permanent flowage easement located in Butler County. DNR owned and managed land, known as Big Marsh Wildlife Management Area, is adjacent to the west. Larry Asche and Betty McCandless offer the 15-acre easement for \$22,500 (\$1,500/acre). The appraised value of the land that the easement will encumber is \$2,439 per acre. John Stortz, Licensed Appraiser of Cedar Falls, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Travis Baker negotiated the purchase agreement. This property is located in south central Butler County, Iowa. The town of Parkersburg is located five miles south of the property. The easement will allow the DNR to maintain the existing drainage ways for the purposes of controlling the water level of the publicly owned Big Marsh Wildlife Area. Maintenance activities will include, but are not limited to, pulling trees, dredging, storing spoils and berming. Historically, the Asche family has allowed the DNR to use the area without an easement. The property is now on the market and having the easement in place prior to a change in ownership is critical to our management of Big Marsh. Acquisition funding will be provided by the Wildlife Habitat Stamp (Capital Link #6). Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Commissioner Francisco moved the item. Commissioner Kramer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5.5 Conservation Easement, Jackson County -- Timothy and Laura Derga

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept the donation of a conservation easement on 30.3 acres in Jackson County. This easement shall serve to protect wooded land that is adjacent to Maquoketa Caves State Park. Timothy and Laura Derga of Farley, Iowa offer the donation of this easement. Dan Kinsinger negotiated this easement. The property is located approximately 6-miles northwest of Maquoketa, Iowa and adjoins the southwest edge of Maquoketa Caves State Park. The land is a mix of steep rolling timber and rock bluffs. The Dergas have recently purchased the property, are conservation minded and want to protect their land for future generations. The easement will allow for a small, primitive cabin to be built the property. The conservation easement will be monitored by the Parks Bureau. No survey costs are anticipated. The Department will pay for the cost of a appraisal to provide the doner with the value of the donation. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Commissioner Francisco moved the item. Commissioner Drees seconded. Commission requested more information relative to the Department's conservation easement program. An informational item will be presented to the Commission next month. Commission suggested the Department consider seeking an endowment for maintaining a conservation easement. Motion carried unanimously.

5.6 Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area, Hamilton County -- Tim and Kathy Finucan

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a parcel of land located in Hamilton County just north of state-owned and managed Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Tim and Kathy Finucan offer this 60-acre tract for the appraised price of \$208,500. David Nebel, Licensed Appraiser of Nevada, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Rick Hansen negotiated the purchase agreement. This property is located about 7 miles northeast of Stratford in west central Hamilton County. The tract reflects nearly level to steep topography. The property consists of 27 acres of forested land, 19 acres of cropland, and 14 acres of land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. The Boone River is about 1/8th of a mile south of the property. There are no building improvements. The average Corn Suitability Rating of the cropland is 78. A dead-end county road and permanent easement for ingress/egress provide access to the northeast corner of the property. This parcel will increase the Boone Forks WMA to over 4,160 acres and will provide additional forest and upland habitat for wildlife species and enhance public recreation to this area. The Wildlife Bureau will manage the property in accord with the area management plan. Acquisition funding will be provided as follows: \$108,500 Wildlife Habitat Stamp; \$75,000 Central Iowa Protected Waters NAWCA; and \$25,000 REAP Protected Waters Area (Capital Links #6 and #149). This acquisition will stay on the tax rolls. No survey or fencing costs is anticipated. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Commissioner Rettig moved the item. Commissioner Kramer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5.7 Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area, Hamilton County – Boone Valley Izaak Walton League

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a parcel of land located in Hamilton County adjacent north of state-owned and managed Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Boone Valley Izaak Walton League offers this approximately 10-acre tract for the appraised price of \$2,625 per acre. Exact payment will be determined following a land survey. The state agrees that no building or other structures will be placed on the property. David Nebel, Licensed Appraiser of Nevada, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Rick Hansen negotiated the purchase agreement. This property is located about 7 miles northeast of Stratford in west central Hamilton County. The tract reflects moderately rolling to steep topography. The property consists entirely of forested land. The Boone River is about 1/8th of a mile south of the property. There are no building improvements. Access is provided through state-owned land adjacent south of the property. This tract will increase the Boone Forks WMA to over 4,170 acres and will provide additional forest for wildlife species and enhance public recreation to this area. The Wildlife Bureau will manage the property in accord with the area management plan. Acquisition funding will be provided 100% by Wildlife Habitat Stamp (Capital Link #6). This acquisition will stay on the tax rolls. The Department will provide for a land survey. No fencing cost is anticipated. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Commissioner Kramer moved the item. Commissioner Rettig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5.8 Easement — Margo Frankel Woods State Park, Polk County

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the conveyance of a permanent easement to Polk County to construct, operate and maintain a public sanitary sewer main across 0.014 acres in Margo Frankel Woods State Park located between Des Moines and Ankeny in Polk County. The easement will be located an undeveloped portion of the park located west of State Highway 415 immediately adjacent to the west right-of-way line of the highway. The consideration for the easement

is \$100. A DNR construction permit has been issued to Polk County to enable its use of the site for construction.

Commissioner Rettig moved the item. Commissioner Drees seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Management Agreement – Denning Conservation Area, Lee County – Lee County Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the renewal of a management agreement with the Lee County Conservation Board to manage the Conrad and Eleanor Denning Conservation Area through July 31, 2033. This management agreement covers approximately 310 acres donated to the state by the Dennings under various transactions between 1980 and 2000. The property is located in approximately 15 miles northwest of Fort Madison. It will be managed as a recreation area with primary emphasis as a wildlife area. A small picnic area is maintained on the area. Mrs. Denning has retained a "life-use" of approximately one-half of the area and resides on the property.

Moved. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Honey Creek (HC) Update - Information (item moved from 7th to 3rd agenda position)

Deputy Director and Budget and Finance Bureau Chief will be meeting with Lt Gov at 1pm today regarding the HC budget. Photos were shown of the current status. Deputy Director offered thanks to staff working on HC. The substantial completion date has changed after multiple meetings of parties involved from 08/08/08 to 09/05/08 due to excessive rains and flood delays of critical supplies and materials. All involved parties will be made aware of this change with attorney Kelley Myers' guidance. Park staff are bringing on temporary security personnel to deter any security breaches onto the property. Contracts are under development through attorney Myers. The ribbon cutting event with the Governor will occur 09/19/08. Kim Francisco interjected Rathbun Land and Water Alliance is in support of the changed date due to the reasons. Promotion for HC is occurring within Iowa and in surrounding states. One promotion was a free weekend giveaway with the Director to draw the name today. The name drawn was Jerry Peckumn. The HC budget was discussed in cooperation with item 4.1.6.

Information item. No action required.

8. Final Rule Chapter 40, Boating Speed and Distance Zoning-Catfish Creek. Decision. (Szcodronski)

The NRC is requested to approve an amendment to Chapter 40, Boating Speed and Distance Zoning. Notice of Intended Action was approved by the Commission on April 10, 2008. Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Code Bulletin on May 7, 2008, as ARC 6784B. Two public hearings were held on May 27, 2008, one located in Des Moines and another located in Dubuque. No written or oral comments were received.

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 40, "Boating Speed and Distance Zoning," Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment establishes a no-wake zone on Catfish Creek by placement of regulatory buoys beginning at the mouth of Catfish Creek and extending upstream to the confluence of Catfish

Creek and Granger Creek. Catfish Creek, which runs through Mines of Spain State Recreation Area, continues to increase in popularity for “quiet water activities” such as canoeing, kayaking, water-based ecotours and wildlife watching. Watercraft entering the area at a great speed creates wake problems for boaters and visitors who are pursuing these activities.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin May 7, 2008, as ARC 6784B. Two public hearings were held on May 27, 2008, one in Des Moines and one in Dubuque. No written or oral comments were received. The amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 462A.26.

This amendment will become effective September 3, 2008.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend 571—Chapter 40 by adopting the following **new** rule:

571—40.57(462A) Zoning of Catfish Creek, Mines of Spain State Recreation Area, Dubuque County. All vessels shall be operated at no-wake speed within the area beginning at the mouth of Catfish Creek and extending upstream to the confluence of Catfish Creek and Granger Creek and designated by uniform marker buoys approved by the natural resource commission.

Date

Richard A. Leopold, Director

Moved. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
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9. NOIA Chapter 15, General License Regulations. Decision. (Joslin)

The NRC is requested to approve an amendment to Chapter 15, General License Regulations. The Department has been directed by a legislative amendment in the 2008 Iowa General Assembly, House File 2612, to amend 571 Iowa Administrative Code section 15.6, Multiple Offender. The proposed amendment simply changes the Iowa Code section reference for convictions of trespass while deer hunting from Iowa Code section 716.7 to 716.8.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 15, “General License Regulations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment is required as a result of House File 2612, 2008 Iowa General Assembly, which amends Iowa Code chapter 716 which in turn requires an amendment to the Iowa Administrative Code, rule 571—15.6(481A), “Multiple Offender – Revocation and Suspension.” This Legislative amendment requires that the Department establish a violation point value for a violation and conviction of Iowa Code chapter 716 in which the violator is convicted of trespass while hunting deer.

Any person may make written comments on this proposed amendment on or before August 19, 2008. Such comments and written material should be directed to the Law Enforcement Bureau, Wallace State Office Building, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 East 9th Street; Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034. Persons who wish to convey their comments orally should contact Steve Dermand of the Law Enforcement Bureau at (515)281-4515.

A public hearing will be held on August 19, 2008, at 9 a.m. in the Fifth Floor East Conference Room of the Wallace State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who attend the public hearing and have special needs such as hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

This amendment is intended to implement section 456A.25 of the Code of Iowa.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 15.6(3), paragraph “a,” subparagraph (22) as follows:

(22) Any violation of Iowa Code section 716.7 716.8 while hunting deer.

Date

Richard A. Leopold, Director

Motion. Seconded. Commission inquired on including pheasant hunting. Staff are continuing to work to include. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Final Rule Chapter 40, Boating Speed and Distance Zoning-Lake Cornelia. Decision. (Joslin)

The NRC is requested to approve the amendments of Chapter 40, Boating Speed & Distance Zoning. This amendment was requested by the Wright County Conservation Board to establish two no-wake zones on the north shore of Lake Cornelia in Wright County, by placement of regulatory buoys in such a way as to define the no-wake zones. One zone will designate the public swimming area and the second zone will designate the boat harbor and boat harbor entrance. This request is being made in an effort to regulate/reduce boat speed and increase swimmer and boating safety. No comments were received at the public hearings, and minor changes for clarification were made to the Notice of Intended Action. Changed from: All vessels shall be operated at a no-wake speed in the boat harbor and at the boat harbor entrance within the zoned area extending 300 feet from shore and 100 feet wide. To: All vessels shall be operated at a no-wake speed in the boat harbor and at the boat harbor entrance within the zoned area extending 300 feet from two points on shore 100 feet wide, equi-distant from either side of the harbor entrance.

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 40, “Boating Speed and Distance Zoning,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment was requested by the Wright County Conservation Board to establish two no-wake zones on the north shore of Lake Cornelia by placement of regulatory buoys in such a way as to define the no-wake zones. One zone will designate the public swimming area and the second zone will designate the boat harbor and harbor entrance. This amendment is being adopted in an effort to regulate/reduce boat speed and increase swimmer and boating safety.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on June 4, 2008, as ARC6827B. Public hearings were held at Lake Cornelia County Conservation Board office on September 12, 2007, and the Wallace State Office Building on June 25, 2008. No written or oral comments were received during the comment period. Minor changes which clarify the amendment’s intent have been made from the Notice of Intended Action.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 456A.25.

The following amendment will become effective September 17, 2008.

The following amendment is adopted.

Adopt the following new rule 571—40.58(462A):

571--40.58(462A) Zoning of Lake Cornelia, Wright County. All vessels shall be operated at a no-wake speed in the boat harbor and at the boat harbor entrance within the zoned area extending 300 feet from two points on shore 100 feet in width, equi-distant from either side of the harbor entrance. The Wright County Conservation Board shall designate the boat harbor entrance and the public swimming area with uniform marker buoys approved by the natural resource commission.

Date

Richard A. Leopold, Director

Moved. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
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11. Final Rule Chapter 40, Boating Speed and Distance Zoning-Lake Odessa. Decision. (Garner)

The NRC is requested to approve the final rule to amend Chapter 40, Boating Speed and Distance Zoning. This amendment adds two areas to the no-wake areas designated for Lake Odessa. A public meeting was held on 05/29/08 and 28 people attended. The following comments were received: Ten spoke in support of the change and two opposed it. One written comment was received in favor of the proposed change. No changes were made to the rule. These narrow channels will be dredged in 2008 to allow hydraulic connection of water areas for fish movement during low-water periods in summer and winter. The life of these channels can be significantly extended by reducing boat wakes and resultant shoreline erosion. Both channels are well protected from wind fetch and wave erosion, so boat activity will be the primary source of shoreline erosion in these two locations.

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 40, "Boating Speed and Distance Zoning," Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 40 specifies the areas where limitations are needed to permit appropriate utilization of specific water areas.

This amendment adds two areas to the no-wake areas designated for Lake Odessa. These narrow channels will be dredged in 2008 to allow hydraulic connection of water areas for fish movement during low-water periods in summer and winter. The life of these channels can be significantly extended by reducing boat wakes and resultant shoreline erosion. Both channels are well protected from wind fetch and wave erosion, so boat activity will be the primary source of shoreline erosion in these two locations.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 7, 2008, as ARC 6785B. A public hearing was held on May 29, 2008, and 28 people attended. Ten spoke in support of the change and two opposed it. One written comments was received in favor of the proposed change. No changes were made to the Notice of Intended Action.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 462A.17, 462A.26, and 462A.31.

These amendments shall become effective September 3, 2008.

The following amendment is adopted.

Item 1. Add subrule 571 – 40.9(3) as follows:

40.9(3) All motorboats, except authorized emergency vessels, shall be operated at no-wake speed year around, on those portions of Lake Odessa known as the lateral ditch, between the main lake and Bebee Pond, and on the channel between Yankee Chute and Beaver Pond.

Date

Richard A. Leopold, Director

Moved. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Landowner Incentive Program/TNC Grant Funds Agreement. Decision. (Garner)

The NRC is requested to approve an agreement between the Land Incentive Program (LIP) grant program and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). IDNR will reimburse TNC up to \$160,000.00 for actual expenses incurred by TNC for costs relating to the acquisition of the easement, to include the easement price, survey, closing costs, and indirect costs. This project is funded with Landowner Incentive Program Tier II funds. TNC proposes to acquire a permanent conservation easement over approximately 190 acres, known as the Reese Homestead, located in the Turin Special Landscape Area of the Loess Hills in Monona County, Iowa. The conservation easement will assure that the Reese Homestead property will be retained forever substantially undisturbed in its natural, scenic, agricultural, and open space condition, and will prevent any use of the property that will significantly impair or interfere with the conservation values of the Reese Homestead, as defined in the easement. Enforcement of the terms and conditions of the easement shall be the responsibility of TNC and its successors or assigns, as set forth in the easement. The intact prairies on the property are large enough to hold viable populations of the Ottoe skipper (Hesperia ottoe), and the regal fritillary (Speyeria idalia), both rare butterfly species. The conservation and natural resource values of the Loess Hills are threatened by impending suburban and rural sprawl, mining of the loess soils to use as fill dirt, and land management practices that allow invasive species to encroach into the native prairie pasturelands. The Protected Property has been utilized most recently for recreational use such as hiking and natural areas management as well as historically used for livestock grazing. The Protected Property contains significant remnant prairie which is increasingly threatened by residential development in the area. Preservation of the Protected Property will also provide a significant public benefit by supplementing national, state and local efforts to protect the Loess Hills. The IDNR is working with TNC to purchase this easement and not purchasing it on our own for multiple reasons: 1) The easement is in TNC's priority landscape where they already hold and enforce many other easements, 2) It will streamline enforcement and monitoring for IDNR to have TNC hold the easement, and 3) The property is an important property for protection of Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the Loess Hills landscape and the landowners want to work with TNC to protect their property.

Moved. Seconded. Discussion held regarding informed public knowledge of agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

13. NOIA Chapter 85, Trotlines. Decision. (Conover)

The NRC is requested to approve a Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 85, Trotlines. The proposed rule amendment requires all trotlines to be removed from shore when not actively fished. The practice of leaving unattended trotline equipment is a growing problem. This practice not only creates an eyesore along Iowa's rivers, but also creates problems when this equipment inadvertently

catches birds, mammals, and fish. This equipment also poses a considerable risk to boaters and other users of the river systems. Requiring the removal of unused lines is in the best interest of the vast majority of river users, as well as the wildlife that inhabit our rivers.

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 85, "Trotlines," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment requires all trotlines to be removed from shore when not being actively fished.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before September 12, 2008. Such written materials should be directed to Marion Conover, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794; or e-mail Marion.Conover@dnr.iowa.gov. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Fisheries Bureau at (515)281-5208 or at the Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building.

Also, there will be a public hearing August 22, 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the public hearing, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any person who intends to attend a public hearing and has special requirements such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, and 481A.73.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 571--85.1(481A) by adopting the following new subrule:

85.1(1) Removal of lines. All trotlines and parts thereof shall be removed from the shore when not being actively fished. A trotline shall be considered actively fished if at least once daily the trotline is left with at least one baited hook in the water with the intention of catching fish.

Date

Richard A. Leopold, Director

Moved. Seconded. Discussion held to define actively fishing: gear has to be baited at least once every 24 hours. Motion carried unanimously.
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14. NOIA Chapter 88, Fishing Tournaments. Decision. (Conover)

The NRC is requested to approve a Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 88, Fishing Tournaments. The proposed amendment establishes a \$25.00 administrative fee for fishing tournament permits. Each year the Department issues approximately 700 permits for fishing tournaments conducted on public waters in the state. The permits are administered by each of the 14 fisheries management teams. Approximately 45 minutes is required to process each permit application. The fee will offset costs incurred to administer the permit program.

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 88, "Fishing Tournament," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment establishes a \$25.00 administrative fee for fishing tournament permits.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before September 12, 2008. Such written materials should be directed to Marion Conover, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794; or e-mail Marion.Conover@dnr.iowa.gov. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Fisheries Bureau at (515)281-5208 or at the Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building.

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This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 462A.16, 481A.38, 455A.5(6)(e).

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 571--88.2(462A,481A) by adopting the following new subrule:

88.2(1) Permit fee. The administrative fee for each fishing tournament permit is \$25.00.

Date

Richard A. Leopold, Director

Moved. Seconded. Discussion held regarding the research of this fee request; staff does not anticipate nor is the request intended to discourage fishing tournaments in Iowa. Fee amount discussed and it is based on what law allows. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Black Hawk Lake Diagnostic and Feasibility Study. Decision. (Conover)

NRC approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Iowa State University (ISU) to conduct a study related to the Department's lake restoration activities. The parties will enter into this contract for the purpose of retaining ISU to provide the DNR with a diagnostic and feasibility study of Black Hawk Lake, Sac County, Iowa, for planning a lake restoration program on the lake and its watershed. The DNR intends to utilize the information gathered and analyzed in this contract to manage this natural resource and allocate lake restoration funds most appropriately. Specific objectives of the Project include:

1. ISU will discuss water quality goals to meet water quality targets as defined by State Legislation (HF2782).

2. ISU will provide restoration alternatives and identify the most cost-effective alternatives for lake restoration, and provide justification of potential alternatives at Black Hawk Lake to meet identified water quality goals.

3. Once the pertinent information has been assembled and preliminary explorations have been made of the various alternatives for lake restoration, ISU personnel will assist DNR in conducting a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to assist in the development, evaluation, and selection of alternatives; and to assist in assessing potential adverse environmental impacts; and in identifying measures to mitigate any adverse impacts that were identified.

This eighteen-month study will be funded through the Department's Lake Restoration Program. The Department will pay ISU an amount not to exceed \$188,247, which will be used to pay personnel, lab analysis, travel, and equipment. The Department has a long history of working with the proposed service provider, Dr. John Downing, Professor, ISU, on a variety of water quality related research. These past and on-going projects include Diagnostic Studies of Iowa lakes, the Iowa Lakes Information System (interactive lakes database), and collaboration with the Center of Agriculture and Rural Development on lake economics. Past contracts have been completed in a timely, professional manner.

Moved. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Panfish Bag Limits Information. Information. (Conover)

Information will be presented to the NRC describing the relationship among panfish bag limits, fish population dynamics, and social attitudes.

The current panfish bag limits as of July 2008 are:

State	Crappie		Bluegill		Perch	
	Daily	Possession	Daily	Possession	Daily	Possession
MO	30*	30	50	50	No Limit	
IL	No statewide limit - Site specific 10 or 25 daily with unlimited possession				15 daily unlimited possession	
SD	25	50	25	50	25	50
NE	30 daily & 60 in possession in aggregate					
WI	25 daily & 50 in possession in aggregate					
MN	10	10	20	20	20	40
IA	25	50	25	50	25	50
	Mississippi River Only		Mississippi River Only			

* 12 lakes have a 15 daily bag and possession limit on crappie

Information was presented by the Fisheries Bureau Chief and fisheries staff regarding issues and scientific data regarding panfish bag limits. Discussion regarding the ethical aspects versus scientific data was held. The panfish bag limits notice of intended action will be brought before the NRC at the August 2008 meeting.

Information item. No action required.

17. Publicly Owned Lakes Program - Watershed Selection. Information. (Herring)

The Natural Resource Commission approved the eligibility of seven publicly owned lakes as priority lakes at its June 12, 2008, meeting. Priority publicly owned lakes are established by the Department in accordance with 571 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 31 which was updated and approved by the Commission on March 13, 2008. The list of seven lakes was advanced to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's (IDALS) Division of Soil Conservation which manages and provides funding for the Public Owned Lakes Program. Funds will be made available to private landowners to install approved permanent soil conservation practices in the watersheds above the identified publicly owned lakes. Funds for the Program come from appropriations to the IDALS and grants are available to private landowners mentioned above to fund 75% of total project costs. Funding for fiscal year 2009 is \$350,000. Interested parties submit applications requesting to be identified as a priority watershed. Twenty-two applications were submitted from 18 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. They include the following:

Lost Grove Lake	Scott
Lake of the Hills	Scott
Brushy Creek Lake	Webster
Silver Lake	Delaware
Three Mile Lake	Union/Adair
Storm Lake	Buena Vista
Blue Lake	Monona
Hawthorn Lake	Mahaska
Roberts Creek Lake	Marion
Littlefield Lake	Audubon
Muskrat Slough	Jones

Central Park Lake	Jones
Meadow Lake	Adair
West Lake	Clarke
Lake Geode	Des Moines/Henry
Little River Lake	Decatur
Lake Meyer	Winneshiek
Badger Creek Lake	Madison
Iowa Great Lakes	Dickinson
Silver Lake	Dickinson/Osceola
Williamson Pond	Lucas
Lakes Morris & Ellis	Lucas

According to the newly revised rules, applications were evaluated on their identification of locations within the watershed that contribute significant sediment to the lake and their plans for the installation of permanent soil conservation practices to eliminate the sources. In accordance with the rules, the Department recommended and the Commission approved for watershed eligibility in fiscal year 2009:

- Hawthorn Lake, Mahaska County
- Littlefield Lake, Audubon County
- Lake Geode, Des Moines & Henry Counties
- Lake Meyer, Winneshiek County
- Badger Creek Lake, Madison County
- Central Park Lake, Jones County
- Meadow Lake, Adair County

These recommendations have been sent to IDALS and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Funding will be available on July 1, 2008.

18. Donations. Decision. (Herring)

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the following donations:

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by (Name/Org):
Union Grove State Park	\$120.00	Toward the purchase of a 40 gallon spot sprayer to be used in prairie burns.	Lake Park and Holding Corporation
IA DNR F & W Trust Fund	\$100.00	In memory of Virg Jaques, angler for 70 years, toward the restocking of walleye in the Iowa River.	Jerrold and Sue Welden
IA DNR F & W Trust Fund	\$150.00	In memory of Virg Jaques, angler for 70 years, toward the restocking of walleye in the Iowa River.	Pat Jaques

Moved. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Carter Lake Water Supply Agreement. Decision. (Conover)

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve an agreement with the City of Carter Lake, Pottawattamie County, to develop a well on City of Omaha property that will connect to an existing infrastructure of pipes that lead to Carter Lake. The resulting well water will be used to maintain Carter Lake at a full pool range not to exceed 970.3 Feet MSL (+/- .5ft.). The funds for this project were provided by the Iowa Legislature during the last two legislative sessions. Up to \$1,000,000 is available for this project. The legislation in Senate File 2432 states: “for the construction and installation of an angled well, pumps, and piping to connect the existing infrastructure from the new well to connect the existing infrastructure from the new well to a lake located in a county with a population between 87,500 and 88,000. Moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph are contingent upon receipt of matching funds from a state taxing authority surrounding such lake.” The state of Nebraska’s Department of Environmental Quality tested the well water and it meets their water quality standards. The city of Omaha and state of Nebraska have met their match requirements for the project. This auxiliary water supply source will also be a component of a joint lake restoration project that underway by the states of Iowa and Nebraska and the cities of Omaha and Carter Lake. The City of Carter Lake will supervise the project, obtain the required permits and provide the Department with billing and documentation not to exceed \$400,000.00 for Iowa’s portion of this project.

Moved. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

20. General Discussion.

* DNR audit document received. Commissioner commented the appreciated value of receiving this document.

* Regarding next month’s possible waterfowl regulations, Commissioner has additional information to provide to other Commissioners for review.

* Commissioner identified to Director the benefits of working with Iowa’s Welcome Centers to have DNR displays at their locations as other states do. Parks Bureau Chief responded that products are being designed to specifically be used for tourism and promotion.

* Commissioner is interested in hearing what the commercial fishermen have to say at August’s meeting.

21. Items for Next Meeting.

* Management Services Division Administrator informed NRC FEMA projects will need to be reviewed and approved, especially for Backbone State Park. Bids are expected to be opened 07/24/08. A telephone meeting for 07/28/08 is being requested.

Next Meetings:

August 14 – Louisa County

September 11 – Honey Creek Resort

October 9 – Jackson County